

# Maryland Federal Facilities Profile

## National Security Agency (NSA) Central Security Service (CSS)



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**Director:** General Paul M. Nakasone

**Department:** Independent

**History & Mission:** The National Security Agency was established on November 4, 1952, by order of President Harry Truman. The agency was located in Arlington Hall, Virginia and the Naval Security Station in Washington, D.C., until moving to new headquarters at Fort Meade in 1956. The Central Security Service was officially established by the NSA in 1972 to promote full partnership between the NSA and the cryptologic elements of the military forces.

The NSA/CSS core missions are to protect U.S. national security systems and to produce foreign signals intelligence information. The NSA/CSS leads the community in delivering responsive, reliable, effective, and expert signals intelligence and information assurance products and services, and enables network warfare operations to gain a decisive information advantage for the nation and our allies under all circumstances.

NSA employees gather and analyze foreign intelligence, protect our nation's information systems, advance research, and solve a number of other challenges not found in the private sector. CSS provides timely and accurate cryptologic support, knowledge, and assistance to the military cryptologic community. NSA/CSS provides products and services to the Department of Defense, the intelligence community, government agencies, industry partners, and select allies and coalition partners. In addition, they deliver critical strategic and tactical information to war planners and war fighters.

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### Technology Transfer Program

National Security Agency

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